

Devon Squash Rackets Association

Devon Cup/Shield/Plate Competition Rules 2014/15

Player Eligibility:

1, For all matches in this competition, players must be eligible to play for their club in the Ladies or Mixed Devon Leagues i.e. they must be registered in rank order on the clubs Player Registration List on the Nine Nil system at the time of the match in question.

2a, To qualify to play in the Cup and Shield quarter finals, all Players above the 1st Teams Nominated No. 5 player must have played on at least 2 occasions before the quarter final of the competition & later rounds at least 3 times.

Nominated Players 2 times for their own team. Un-nominated (Reserve) players must have played for the 1st Team 2 times before the quarter final & later rounds at least 3 times.

This rule is relaxed for all players ranked below the clubs 1st Teams Nominated No. 5 player. Such players must have played on at least 2 occasions before the quarter finals & 3 times for later rounds for any of the Clubs Devon League teams.

2b, For a club whose 1st & 2nd teams are in the same division, they will be entitled to field a composite team drawn from both League teams, without either team being regarded as the 2nd team, so long as the League ranking order is maintained for players from the same League team. This means their list goes down to the 5th string player of the 2nd team and follows the rule above. Nominated Players 2 times before the quarter final & 3 times for later rounds for their own team. Un-nominated (Reserve) players must have played for the 1st or 2nd Team 2 times before the quarter final & 3 times for later rounds.

Fixtures:

For each match, except the Final, the starred Club in the Draw has the choice of courts and is responsible for arranging the match with the opponents. If the home team fails to negotiate a date at least a fortnight before the week allocated for the match, the match will be assumed to be on the Tuesday of the week concerned.

If two sides contesting the final have met each other in any of the past three years' finals, then the other, or opposite venue to that already used would be used for the final in question.

If two different teams are contesting the final (i.e. not having met in any of the previous three years' finals) . the venue should be decided by the Committee on the toss of a coin.

Refreshments.

The Home team are expected to provide the Courts and the Meal and to share the cost of the drinks.

The Away team are expected on arrival to pay a cup fee of £25 to the home team and to share the cost of the drinks. This will even out the expense for the home team.

Results:

The winning Club must send in a fully completed result card to the League Secretary within 24 hours of the match.

Cup/Plate Qualification:

All First Round Devon Cup match losers who actually played and did not concede a walk-over will be automatically included in the Plate Competition. Shield Plate Qualification: All First Round Devon Shield match losers who actually played and did not concede a walk-over will be automatically included in the Plate Competition.

Match Dates:

The default day for cup matches will be Tuesday unless the starred team has negotiated an alternative at least a fortnight before the Sunday beginning the week in which the match is to take place.

The 1st round can be completed during normal weeks if agreed between teams before 1st Nov. The allocated weeks are listed below.

1st Round during the week.

The Quarter Finals during the week 7th December.

The Semi-Finals during the week 15th February.

Finals:

The finals of the Devon Cup/Plate will take place on the 20/03/2014. The finals of the Devon Shield/Plate will take place on the 27/03/2014. The host club shall be one of the main event finalists of each competition, chosen by the spin of a coin by the League Secretary. Should the finalists have played before, then the Away team last time shall be hosts on this occasion.

The host clubs for the finals must have a minimum of 3 courts. If they do not then they can choose to have the final at a venue of their choice.

They must provide the courts for the finals, a buffet for 25 people (4 teams plus officials) at a maximum of £4 per head. Also drinks for the officials on request. They must also submit to the Hon. Secretary a detailed expenses sheet for the above.

Markers for the finals will be provided by Devon SRA either by contacting the Refereeing and Marking coordinator or League Secretary.